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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TRUSTEES SEND \$67 MILLION BUDGET REQUEST TO IBHE

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University trustees approved a Fiscal Year 1998 budget request that would provide nearly \$6 million in new dollars for academic program enhancements, equipment purchases, deferred maintenance and faculty and staff salary increases.

"We believe this budget request is realistic and affordable, yet would allow the university to make considerable progress in funding its priorities," said Eastern President David Jorns. "With this budget, we strengthen our library, summer school offerings, faculty development program, instructional equipment inventory and many other areas."

The FY 1988 operating budget recommends a 9.4 percent increase over the current budget, or \$5,758,300 more, for a total budget of \$66,986,100. The board's approval of a budget request is the first step in the process of securing a budget for next year. The Illinois Board of Higher Education, the governor and the General Assembly will now act on the request over the next few months.

In other business, the trustees reviewed a report on intercollegiate athletics

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that outlined the non-athletic achievements of the university's competitive programs. The report showed the athlete graduation rate to be very similar to the rate for non-athletes, with the women's programs averaging 3.0 grade point averages.

"We emphasize the 'student' in student-athlete, even if that means keeping a talented athlete off the field or court temporarily so he or she can concentrate on studying. We're very proud of that policy," said Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs.

The trustees also unanimously approved a 7 percent salary increase for President Jorns, effective retroactively to July 1. The increase is the first pay hike for the president since September 1994 and raises his salary from \$120,000 per year to \$128,400 per year. "I thank the board for its support and confidence in my leadership," Jorns said.

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Terry Weidner reported to the trustees that 150 faculty and staff received new state-of-the-art computers this summer and are working on enhancing efforts currently underway to integrate computer technology into the classroom.

Weidner also reported to the trustees on a recommendation from a university taskforce that Eastern establish an organization to provide convenient and effective academic assistance to freshman and sophomore level and undecided students. The organization, to be called University College, would advise and counsel students from their point of entry to EIU through their acceptance into a major

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offered through a degree granting college.

"Students would benefit from increased attention to their academic progress and would be assisted as early as possible to make a match between their ambitions and their abilities," Weidner said.

The university will act on the taskforce's recommendation at a later date.

In other business, trustees approved naming the university's tennis courts after long-time tennis coach Rex V. Darling. Darling coached EIU tennis between 1945 and 1974, the longest tenure of any tennis coach in EIU history.

The trustees meet next on Sept. 23.